

## County of Malheur

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July 3, 2019

Commission Chair Tammy Baney Oregon Transportation Commission 355 Capitol Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301-3939

Re: Malheur County Reload Facility

Chair Baney:

The Malheur County Court urges the Oregon Transportation Commission to consider the Treasure Valley Reload Center apart from the competing entities in western Oregon.

The Treasure Valley Reload Center is the lone project in eastern Oregon, facing no competing submissions. We urge the commission to fund the center, regardless of a decision on the western Oregon competing projects.

The reload center is paramount to the agricultural economy of the region. The Malheur County Court sees unlimited growth potential of the facility with the center becoming a hub of transportation for the entire Treasure Valley area. This local region, an area within a one-hour drive of Nyssa, Oregon, has a current population of 725,000 with growth projected to one million in the next ten years.

We respectfully ask the commission to act on the Treasure Valley Reload Center on July 18 with a recommendation for funding.

Best Regards.

Dan Joyce, Judge

Malheur County

Larry Wilson, Commissioner Malheur County

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Don Hodge, Commissioner Malheur County